

Short Narrative of Proposed Renovations

1. 3rd floor Renovation — Reconstructing the 3rd floor and adding approximately 950 square feet to extend about 15 feet over the back of the sanctuary to create a Lifelong Learning Center. This will create two small, two medium and one large classroom, to be used by our entire congregation (with one small one dedicated with special furniture for very small children). It would be possible for the rooms to have windows looking out into the sanctuary, and that could serve as “overflow” space for the high holidays with the use of speakers, or by opening the windows to a child safe level. Furniture will be modern, with convertible tables and stackable chairs so the rooms can be easily reconfigured.

2. New Lift from 2nd-3rd floor – Providing access to the Lifelong Learning Center the lift will be a small, enclosed lift (capacity 3 individuals or 1 wheelchair + one additional individual) similar to the one we currently use from the ground floor to the sanctuary floor.

3. First floor Bathrooms, Offices, Coat Rooms — Cosmetic renovations are long overdue to these areas. Upgrades will include new flooring in some areas, cleaning up and refurbishing offices, rebuilding shelves and racks in coatroom, new paint, possibly some additional lighting. No walls are being moved and there will be no new plumbing.

4. 2nd and 3rd floor Bathrooms, Foyer finishes —The single-occupancy bathroom on the second (sanctuary) floor needs to be reconfigured, which will involve moving some fixtures, plumbing and walls, but will be basically in the same area. There will be a new accessible bathroom on the 3rd floor, directly above the one on the 2nd. The sanctuary foyer will get significant upgrades and “brightening”, including new flooring, new lighting, removal of some current plaques and shelving, and relocation of the “fire call” center (to make room for the lift).

5. Sanctuary-Level Entrance – Three new front wooden doors, with windows to improve lighting will feel welcoming to people as they enter the building. Existing doors are not secure against either weather or determined outsiders who want to break in.

6. Stairwell finishes — Replacement of the 50-year-old linoleum floors, upgraded lighting, refurbishing of the railings and fresh coats of paint.

7. Furniture – we have a budget for new furniture, which will be modern, sturdy, and easily adaptable for multiple configurations (for example, collapsible tables, on wheels, stackable chairs, and the like).

8. Architecture, Engineering and Design – these are “soft” costs which are essential to any project of this size, and includes a structural engineer to design the support system for the mezzanine.

9. In addition, we have an ongoing maintenance list, some of which we want to roll into this project, which totals about \$150,000 and includes the following items:

- Critical (exterior repairs, weather strip/repair doors)
- Major (sanctuary windows, rabbi's lavatory, ext. paint)
- Other (upgrade elec., add'l windows, other)